

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)
SCHILLER, et al.)) Examiner:
Serial No.: 09/458,849)) Art Unit: 2762
Filed: December 10, 1999))
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
DISTRIBUTING PICTURE MAIL TO A)
FRAME DEVICE COMMUNITY)

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

ATTN: OFFICE OF FINANCE

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.26(a), Applicant requests a refund in the amount of \$691.00 for the fee paid in excess of that required. Applicant received a Notice of Missing Parts dated February 15, 2000, which stated the fee due was \$1,382.00 for large entity. A copy of the Notice of Missing Parts is enclosed as Exhibit A.

Applicant filed a Response to Notice of Missing Parts on April 14, 2000, which included Check No. 1446 in the amount of \$656.00 under small entity status (\$345.00 for basic filing fee, \$65.00 for surcharge fee, and \$246.00 as fee for presentation of additional claims). A copy of Check No. 1446 is enclosed as Exhibit B.

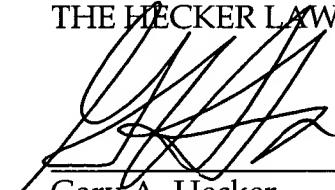
A Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status was filed as part of the Response to Notice to Missing Parts. A copy of the Declaration is enclosed as Exhibit C.

Applicant's Deposit Account No. 08-1520 was further charged the amount of \$691.00 on April 19, 2000 for fees related to the same response. A copy of Monthly Statement of Deposit Account is enclosed as Exhibit D. The difference in the amounts is the basic filing fee charged to our account was in the amount of \$380.00 instead of \$345.00.

The total amount paid by Applicant was \$1,347.00 (\$656.00 by check and \$691.00 charged to Deposit Account). The total amount due for small entity was \$656.00. Applicant requests that the excess amount of \$691.00 be refunded to Applicant in the form of a \$691.00 credit to Deposit Account No. 08-1520.

Very truly yours,

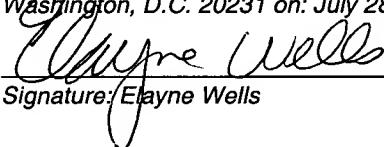
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Signature: Elayne Wells

July 28, 2000
Date